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Title: SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING ELASTOMERIC MEDIA, USE OF THE  
SYSTEM AS WELL AS TWO OPERATING METHODS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

The relevance of five of these references (CH 621 515 A5, DE 15 79 001 A1, EP 0 508 079 A3, EP 0 508 080 A3, and US 5,156,781) to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the specification of the present invention.

An English abstract and a U.S. counterpart (US 4,286,882) of Swiss Patent Application No. CH 621 515 A5 are included herewith.

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English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of four foreign language publications (AH, AI, AK, and AL) are submitted herewith. The patent publication WO 99/03666 A is in English.

Applicants are unaware of an English translation of German Patent publication No. DE 15 79 001.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR \$1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

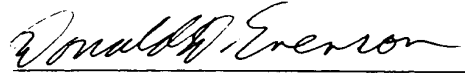
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